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EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF TWA FLIGHT 800 CRASH

The FBI recently concluded its investigation of the crash of TWA flight 800. Its was caused, they say, by a fuel pump in the center fuel tank that ignited jet fuel fumes.

The following quotes are by those who actually witnessed the explosion:

Jim Naples (with wife and three daughters while sailing in a pleasure craft): "All of a sudden my wife goes 'Look' and we look. We see this flare. The first thing out of my mouth was 'Look at that flare! I never saw a flare like that."

Lou Levine: "I thought it was something on the beach going straight up. The red dot went up like this, sort of curved. It came to a point where I thought little fireworks were going to come or just fade and be a flare."

Capt. Chris Bauer (airborne): "I saw a track of light and saw a hard explosion, then another explosion. I told officials, repeatedly, that I thought a missile hit the plane."

Fred Meyer (airborne): "I saw what appeared to be the sort of course and projectory that you see when a shooting star enters the atmosphere. Almost immediately thereafter I saw in rapid succession a small explosion then a large explosion."

Steve Faret (private pilot, airborne): "A pin flash of light near the shore. It looked like a rocket launch at a fireworks display. My first impression was that the National Guard had shot down their own plane."

Roland Penny: "A pencil thin white trail rising like a Grucci fireworks in the middle of the night sky, until it turned into a big ball of just plain white. Seconds later, as the ball of light descended, it exploded into an orange-red fireball."

Tom Dougherty: "I looked up because it sounded like thunder. I kept looking trying to figure out what it was. And that's when I saw a flare come off the water. The flare, trailing orange flame, shot up roughly at a 45 degree angle, then it appeared to hit something."

D.A. Walsh: "It is no rumor about sabotage or a missile. Having lived on Long

Island for 24 years and only 8 miles from the crash site, I am familiar with the area and too many of us saw what happened that night. I believe that someone is trying to cover up for mistakes."

Richard Grauer: "It was a thin trail of smoke going up fast—then there was this huge pink ball of fire."

Olympic Airline engineer: "Suddenly, I saw in the fog to my left, toward the ocean, a small flame rising quickly towards the sky. Before I realized it, I saw this flame become huge. My first impression is that it was a flare shot off a boat."

Paul Runyon: "It looked like a big sky rocket going straight up."

Paul Angelides: "A red meteor with a smoke trail."

According to an AP press release Dec. 17, 1997, TWA and Boeing officials are not fully persuaded by the FBI's findings:

"TWA and Boeing asked a judge Tuesday to help them get evidence from the criminal investigation into the TWA Flight 800 explosion, including statements from the people who thought they saw a missile near the plane. The lawyers made the appeal to a U.S. District Court judge during a routine pretrial hearing in the case brought by some of the families of the 230 people who died in the July 17, 1996 disaster. A Boeing lawyer said the company had been denied evidence relating to the criminal investigation by the FBI and the National Transportation Safety Board."

An article by Onell Soto in *The Press-Enerprise*, Jan. 9, reported, "Refusing to believe the government's explanation for the crash of TWA Flight 800, a group of retired aviators said Thursday they had found evidence that a missile exploded just 60 feet from the front of the Boeing 747.

"The last line of data from Flight 800's flight data recorder, information released during National Transportation Safety Board hearings in Baltimore last month, includes readings that prove an explosion took place,"

said William S. Donaldson, a retired Navy commander who investigated crashes. "It looks to me like there was a huge explosive warhead about 60 feet from the plane that blew the nose up and to the left," said Donaldson. "If the data is to be believed they indicate Flight 800's gauges recorded physically impossible conditions, such as dropping 3,645 feet and slowing to 100 knots from 298 knots in just one second. More likely the readings record the shock wave of an exploding missile as it ripped past sensors. Such a wave would increase the air pressure enough to skew the altitude and speed measurements. It would also have rocked a device, not unlike a weather vane, which measures from which angle wind hits the aircraft. That reading went from 3 degrees to 106 degrees. The last reading, less than a second later, was again 3 degrees," concluded Donaldson.

Another critic of the government's investigation of Flight 800 is Admiral Thomas Moorer, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and an expert on missile weaponry. "All evidence would point to a missile. All those witnesses who saw a streak that hit the airplane—you have to assume it's a missile," said Moorer at a press conference, surrounded by other retired naval officers. Moorer, who is calling for a congressional hearing, agrees with Donaldson that "a missile exploded just outside the forward cabin," as reported by the Louisville Courier-Journal, Jan. 9, 1998.

Another strange twist in this story is that a TWA senior vice president was arrested for giving a piece of seat cover to author Jim Sanders, who had it checked for rocket fuel.

STORY OF A SNITCH

"A man who helped the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms infiltrate Arizona's Viper militia was abandoned and left in doubt by authorities and is on the run," reported Reuters Dec. 2, 1997. Despite promises from the BATF to keep Drew Nolan's identity secret, to pay him a stipend, refund expenses (he's \$25,000 in debt), place him in a witness protection program if necessary, and keep him from danger—it

seems that the BATF left him high and dry after the arrest of the Viper members.

Reuters reported that "Nolan was told he would be arrested also to avoid unwanted attention from the betrayed Vipers. But when the net was closed, there was no time to stage a mock arrest. Within hours his name and address were in the hands of militia groups all over the country, and Nolan has no option but to become a fugitive." It was also reported that the BATF "won't publicly acknowledge that Nolan exists."

Said Nolan, "I made the case, but guess what? I lost everything. Now I sleep with a gun. Just me and it. If everything had happened the way the ATF said it was going to happen, I'd have no beef at all, but it didn't. They used me and then threw me in the garbage."

Note: This story is breaking my heart--does anyone have a Kleenex? --Ed.

HORIUCHI ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL

FBI sharpshooter Lon Horiuchi will be tried before a federal judge on a state charge in the 1992 shooting death of Vicki Weaver at Ruby Ridge. The charge is involuntary manslaughter.

The Boundary County prosecutor filed the charge in August. Horiuchi, supported by the Justice Dept., petitioned the federal court to take over the case on grounds that the transfer is allowed for federal agents prosecuted in their official capacity.

FREEH COMPARES CLINTON STONEWALLING WITH ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATE

In an extraordinary exchange between Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) and FBI Director Louis Freeh during the House campaign fund-raising hearings, the FBI Director compared the stonewalling by Clinton, Gore and DNC officials with the New York organized crime bosses he pursued as a federal prosecutor.

"For the second time in two weeks, I find myself agreeing with FBI Director Louis Freeh," said Republican Chairman Jim Nicholson. "The Clinton Administration's stonewalling, with witnesses fleeing across international borders and taking the Fifth, is more reminiscent of the Godfather than Mr. Smith Goes to Washington. The American people deserve better."

A transcript of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee hearings follows:

BURTON: Mr. Freeh, over 65 people have invoked the 5th Amendment or fled the country

in the course of the Committee's investigation. Have you ever experienced so many unavailable witnesses in any matter in which you've prosecuted or in which you've been involved?

FREEH: Actually, I have.

BURTON: You have? Give me--give me a rundown on that real quickly.

FREEH: 1 spent about 16 years doing organized crime cases in New Youk City and many people were frequently unavailable.

BURTON: So, was that the only time you've experienced something like that?

FREEH: It went on for quite a while.

BURTON: So the only time that you experienced anything like this was when you were investigating an organized crime syndicate.

--RNC News Release, 12/9/97

THE TAXMAN COMETH

A Wisconsin couple who lost a 35-acre farm over \$84 in overdue property taxes lost a Supreme Court appeal. The Court, without comment, turned away the couple's argument that they weren't given adequate notice before the foreclosure. Elmer and Helen Ritter who owned a farm in Rock County, Wis., were notified in 1985 that the county hadn't received their full tax payment for 1984. Ownership of the property was transferred to the county in October 1989, and the farm was sold for \$17,345. The county kept the money.

--Atlanta Journal Constitution, 12/1/97
Abuses such as these prompted former IRS
Commissioner T. Coleman Andrews (who
resigned after serving as Commissioner for only
3 years) to state upon his resignation:

"Congress went beyond merely enacting an income tax law and repealed Article IV of the Bill of Rights, by empowering the tax collector to do the very things from which that article says we were to be secure. It opened up our homes, our papers and our effects to the prying eyes of government agents and set the stage for searches of our books and vaults and for inquiries into our private affairs whenever the tax man might decide, even though there might not be any justification beyond mere cynical suspicion.

"The income tax is bad because it has robbed you and me of the guarantee of privacy and the respect for our property that were given to us in Article IV of the Bill of Rights. This invasion is absolute and complete as far as the amount of tax that can be assessed is concerned. Please remember that under the Sixteenth Amendment, Congress can take 100% of our income anytime it wants to. As a matter of fact, right now it is imposing a tax as high as 91%. This

is downright confiscation and cannot be defended on any other grounds.

"The income tax is bad enough because it was conceived in class hatred, is an instrument of vengeance and plays right into the hands of the communists. It employs the vicious communist principle of taking from each according to his accumulation of the fruits of his labor and giving to others according to their needs, regardless of whether those needs are the result of indolence or lack of pride, self-respect, personal dignity or other attributes of men.

"The income tax is fulfilling the Marxist prophecy that the surest way to destroy a capitalist society is by steeply graduated taxes on income and heavy levies upon the estates of people when they die.

"As matters now stand, if our children make the most of their capabilities and training, they will have to give most of it to the tax collector and so become slaves of the government. People cannot pull themselves up by the bootstraps anymore because the tax collector gets the boots and the straps as well.

"The income tax is bad because it is oppressive to all and discriminates particularly against those people who prove themselves most adept at keeping the wheels of business turning and creating maximum employment and a high standard of living for their fellow men.

"I believe that a better way to raise revenue must be found, because the present system is leading us right back to the very tyranny for which those who established this land of freedom risked their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to forever free themselves."

BATF TO CLASSIFY CERTAIN MUZZLELOADERS AS 'FIREARMS'

According to a NRA Fax Alert the BATF has notified FFL holders that muzzleloaders "...with in-line firing mechanisms designed or redesigned to use modern conventional firearm primers DO NOT meet the definition of antique firearms, and are 'therefore now subject to regulation as a 'firearm.' The issue revolves around the definition of 'modern ammunition'—the BATF classifies a primer, by itself, as ammunition. BATF is operating under the premise that if a 'modern primer' is used anywhere in the firing mechanism, then the firearm is 'modern,' and thus, not subject to the 1898 exemption for antiques or replicas."

"I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one place his child where the scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."

-- Martin Luther (1483-1546)

ACLU FILES TITLE 42 LAWSUIT

In our December '97 issue we ran a story titled "Southern Hospitably...Not!" about a BMW motorcycle rally held at Fontana Village, N.C., in September 1997. The rally was marred by an overwhelming police presence. We mentioned that a similar incident took place at another BMW rally in Spartanburg, SC, back in

The ACLU has gotten involved in the Spartanburg case, filing a law suit under Title 42, section 1983. The suit will allege violations of the First Amendment (freedom of association and assembly) and the Fourth Amendment (unreasonable search and seizure). There may have been more constitutional violations at the Spartanburg rally, Despite the fact that there 550 motorcyclists were only rally--including a BMW VIP who flew in from Germany--there were, according to Iron Bike News "...nearly 200 law enforcement officers including FBI, BATF, SLED, SWAT, SCAT, National Guard MP's, Highway Patrol, K-9 patrol dogs, Spartanburg Department of Public Safety and other unidentified personnel in full belt pouches."

Note: This story is dedicated to Mr. C.H. of Ocean County who, for the longest time--and with many letters--has urged us to say something nice about the ACLU. We promised Mr. H that if we ever came across a favorable story about the ACLU, we'd print it. We finally

Mr. H, this one's for you. The ACLU got it right for a change.--We only wish that the ACLU defended freedom of association for everyone. Though in this instance they support it for bikers they attack it for the Boy Scouts of America; the ACLU is suing the BSA in order to compel them to take on homosexual scout masters .-- Ed.

\$50,000 REWARD!

Most of us involved in the Patriot Movement are familiar with Irwin Schiff and his book The Federal Masia and his never ending fight against the I.R.S. Schiff has decided to put his money where his mouth is by challenging Nevada's U.S. Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan and Congressmen John Ensign and Jim Gibbons to a debate over the issue of whether or not Americans are required to pay income tax. Schiff has sworn an oath that he will only ask one question:

"Are there specific laws making Americans 'liable' for and/or requiring them 'to pay' income taxes."

Schiff's challenge: I am herein requesting that you, individually and collectively, provide me and your constituents with the date and time when you would be available to appear at a Town Hall Meeting to be held in Las Vegas, where you would identify those laws which specifically make Americans "liable" for/or requiring them "to pay" income taxes. If no such laws exist, then there is no reason why Americans should sustain the kind of I.R.S. harassment and abuse recently documented on '60 Minutes' and revealed in the recent Senate

I will assume all costs for the Town Hall Meeting and further agree to pay \$50,000 to any charity of your choice, if you can cite the specific laws as requested above.

Looking forward to your immediate reply. Constitutionally yours,

Irwin Schiff

Schiff's challenge went out Note: November 6, 1997. To date he has received no response from the Congressmen.

"KINGDOMS IN CONFLICT"

A book is currently being offered by Coral Ridge Ministries out of Fort Lauderdale, FL, titled Out Of Order: How Courts Steal The Right Of The People. There are five contributing authors: Robert Bork, Russell Hittinger, Hadley Arkes, Charles Colson and Robert George.

Charles Colson's essay 'Kingdoms In Conflict' comes as close to calling for Christians to prepare for a revolution with the federal government as anything we've read to date and will, no doubt, guarantee him notice by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Colson's essay, as all the others, describes how our judiciary has established itself as the supreme branch of government. (Bork quotes columnist George Will's remark that we're being ruled by "our robed masters.")

Colson's opening paragraph reads: "In America today, we have very nearly reached the completion of a long process I can only describe as the systematic usurpation of ultimate political power by the American usurpation that compels judiciary-a evangelical Christians and, indeed, all believers to ask sobering questions about the moral legitimacy of the current political order and our allegiance to it. This is an inquiry undertaken reluctantly and, I hope, with due caution, for the stakes are very high. Among the questions we must address is whether millions of Americans are still part of the "We the People" from which democratic authority is presumably derived."

We've said it before and we'll say it again: The Militia Movement will never drive the people to the government--the government will drive them to us. When you read the following quotes by Colson, remember that these comments are coming from outside the Militia

* "The real questions facing us are, rather, these: At what point does a government become sufficiently corrupt that Christians must actively resist it? and, Has the United States, under its current judicial regime, reached such a point?"

* "Only the Church collectively can decide at what point a government becomes sufficiently corrupt that a believer must resist it. But, with fear and trembling, I have begun to believe that, however Christians in America gather to reach their consensus, we are fast approaching this point."

* "But would even active disobedience be effective against our current judicial state? When peaceable means and limited civil disobedience fail-at least according to theologians Protestant Knox Rutherford-revolution can be justified from a Christian viewpoint."

* "Of course, the same standards Augustine used to evaluate the justice of a war apply to the justice of a revolution: no other alternative is feasible; the advantages outweigh the suffering caused; and the evil employed in the revolution prevents far greater evil. The churches would have to be convinced that our present government had become totally opposed to God's purpose and that there was no other solution to prevent massive evil. And this point, I believe, we have not yet reached."

Colson's closing paragraph reads: "We dare not at present despair of America and advocate open rebellion. But we must-slowly, prayerfully, and with great deliberation and serious debate--prepare ourselves for what the future seems likely to bring under a regime in which the courts have usurped the democratic process by reckless exercise of naked power."

OUAYLISMS

Here are a few quotes from a man (Dan Quayle) who was once just a heartbeat away from the presidency:

"We are ready for an unforeseen event that may or may not occur."

"It wonderful to be in the great state of Chicago."

"I was recently on a tour of Latin America, and the only regret I have is that I didn't study Latin harder in school so I could converse with those people."

"The loss of life will be irreplaceable."

"When I have been asked during these last weeks who caused the riots and the killing in L.A., my answer has been direct and simple: Who is to blame for the riots? The rioters are to blame? Who is to blame for the killings? The killers are to blame."

"Republicans understand the bondage between a mother and child."

"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."

"What a waste it is to lose one's mind. Or not to have a mind is being very wasteful. How true that is."

"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix."

WHAT CLINTON REALLY THINKS OF "WE THE PEOPLE"

"Clinton announced that he had ordered the Treasury to suspend importation of modified assault weapons while his administration studied whether they can be permanently banned. The announcement came during a speech at a Democratic National Committee fund-raiser in Las Vegas," reported the *Washington Post* Nov. 15, 1997.

Pres. Bill Clinton was "so alarmed" over the number of requests for import permits (600,000 since 1994 with another 1 million pending) that he temporarily banned their import.

But this isn't the point of our story. The following Friday, during his radio address, Clinton said something that deserves notice:

"Assault weapons in the hands of civilans exist for no reason but to inspire fear and wreak deadly havoc on our streets."

"Civilians?!!!" Not "militias," or "patriots," or "right-wing extremists?" Now it's "civilians?" Don't think for a moment that Clinton's choice of words was an accident, folks. He knows exactly what he's saying--and we know exactly why he's saying it: A word here, a word there, plant a few 'seeds for thought' and the next thing you know there's a new anti-gun bill in Congress.

L. Neil Smith, founder of the Libertarian Second Amendment Caucus, wrote an article explaining why there's an ever-growing rift between Washington and we "civilians," titled "Why Guns?" Here's an excerpt:

"If a politician isn't perfectly comfortable with the idea of his average constituent, any man, woman, or responsible child, walking into a hardware store and paying cash-for any rifle, shotgun, handgun, machine-gun, anything without producing ID or signing one scrap of paper, he isn't your friend, no matter what he tells you.

"If he isn't genuinely enthusiastic about his average constituent stuffing that weapon into his purse or pocket or tucking it under a coat and walking home without asking anybody's permission, he's a four flusher.

"What his attitude is toward your ownership and use of weapons conveys his real attitude about you. And if he doesn't trust you, then why in the name of John Moses Browning should you trust him?

"If he doesn't want you to have the means of defending your life, do you want him in a position to control it? "If he makes excuses about obeying a law he's sworn to uphold and defend—the highest law of the land, the Bill of Rights, do you want to entrust him with anything?

"If he ignores you, sneers at you, complains about you, or even defames you, if he calls you names only he thinks are evil, like 'Constitutionalist,' [or 'civilians'] when you insist that he account for himself, hasn't he betrayed his oath, isn't he unfit to hold office, and doesn't he really belong in jail?

"Sure, these are all leading questions. They're the questions that led me to the issue of guns and gun ownership as the clearest and most unmistakable demonstration of what any given politician—or political philosophy—is really made of.

"He may lecture you about the dangerous weirdo out there who shouldn't have a gun—but what does that have to do with you? Why in the name of John Moses Browning should you be made to suffer for the misdeeds of others? Didn't you lay aside the infantile notion of group punishment when you left public school—or the military? Isn't it an essentially European notion, anyway—Prussian, maybe—and certainly not what American was supposed to be about?

"And if there are dangerous weirdos out there, does it make sense to deprive you of the means of protecting yourself from them? Forget about those other people, those dangerous weirdos, this is about you, and it has been all along."

To further illustrate the mind-set of the federal government on the issue of the Second Amendment we are printing a copy of a letter received by a Patriot from the Department of Justice:

Dear Ms. [Deleted]

We received your letter of March 12, 1997, and are pleased to respond to your question about the Second Amendment.

In your letter, you relate a statement made by Sarah Kemp Brady to the effect that the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution does not guarantee the right of individuals to possess firearms. This is, in fact, correct. Although those who oppose any form of gun control commonly assert the Second Amendment confers the right to individual ownership of firearms, this view is not sustained by case law [emphasis added] interpreting that amendment. The courts have uniformly held that the Second Amendment protects only against federal attempts to disarm or abolish organized state militia, and does not confer on an individual the right to own or possess firearms. This has been the consistent position of the Supreme Court and the eight United States Courts of Appeals which have considered the

Thank you so much for your interest in this important issue and we hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely, Ronnie L. Edleman Principal Deputy Chief Terrorism and Violent Crime Section

EDITOR'S NOTE: Back in our June, '97 issue we ran a story titled 'New Definition Proposed For The Second Amendment.' In it author J. Neil Schulman interviewed retired professor Roy Copperud, author of American Usage and Style and the foremost expert on English usage. Professor Copperud is on the usage panel of the American Heritage Dictionary and is often quoted by the Merriam Webster's Usage Dictionary. The following collogy appeared in The Journal on Firearms and Public Safety, Summer 1992, Vol. 4, No. 1.

In the interview, Schulman asked Copperud: "Can the [Second Amendment: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.] be interpreted to grant the right to keep and bear arms solely to 'a well regulated militia?""

Copperud replied: "The sentence does not restrict the right to keep and bear arms, nor does it state or imply possession of the right elsewhere or by others than the people; it simply makes a positive statement with respect to the right of the people."

Schulman: "Is the 'right of the people to keep and bear arms' granted by the words of the Second Amendment, or does the Second Amendment assume a preexisting right of the people to keep and bear arms, and merely state that such right 'shall not be infringed?"

Copperud: "The right is not granted by the amendment; its existence is assumed. The thrust of the sentence is that the right shall be preserved inviolate for the sake of ensuring a militia."

Schulman: "Is the right of the people to keep and bear arms conditioned upon whether or not a well-regulated militia is, in fact, necessary to the security of a free State, and if that condition is not existing, is the statement 'the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed' null and void?"

Copperud: "No such condition is expressed or implied. The right to keep and bear arms is not said by the amendment to depend on the existence of a militia. No condition is stated or implied as to the relation of the right to keep and bear arms and to the necessity of a well-regulated militia as requisite to the security of a free state. The right to keep and bear arms is deemed unconditional by the entire sentence."

Professor Copperud's understanding of the Second Amendment is totally at odds with Mr. Edleman and the Justice Department. To put it more bluntly, someone doesn't know what the hell they're talking about in reference to the Second Amendment. Perhaps the Justice Department should arrange a meeting between Professor Copperud and the Supreme Court justices and allow him to set them straight on

proper English usage, grammar, and interpretation, not only of the Second Amendment, but the entire Bill of Rights as well

IT'S THE LAW!

ISN'T IT?

Ever find yourself pulled over by your friendly neighborhood police officer and ticketed for a traffic violation? Does he have the legal jurisdiction to do so? Not according to N.J.S.A. (New Jersey Statutes Annotated) Section 40A:14-152, titled, Members and officers shall have powers of peace officers and constables. It reads:

"The members and officers of a police department and force, within the territorial limits of the municipality, shall have all the powers of peace officers and upon view may apprehend and arrest any disorderly person or any person committing a breach of the peace. Said members and officers shall have the power to serve and execute process issuing out of the courts having local criminal jurisdiction in the municipality and shall have the powers of a constable in all matters other than civil causes arising in such courts." (Page 682-3)

Traffic violations do not fall under "criminal jurisdiction," but under "civil causes," which, according to the above quoted statute, are outside the jurisdiction of the municipal police.

THE POLLS ARE IN OUESTION

Are our Second Amendment rights being violated? According to the Second Amendment, American citizens have the right to keep and bear arms, yet there are numerous state and federal laws that do not allow citizens to carry arms without a permit, or to carry them in a concealed fashion. What is your opinion?

ANSWERS

A) It makes sense to me that law enforcement would want to know who has weapons and who doesn't, and to insist they be handled (therefore carried) in a safe way. It may be a tiny infringement of my rights...but hey, it's worth it if law enforcement officers can feel safer doing their job. 9% chose A.

B) A "TINY" infringement!!! What's THAT??? Infringement is infringement. Once the government starts interpreting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in such a way that my freedoms are taken away, that opens the gates to more and more losses of freedom to which I am entitled. 50% chose B.

C) I think owning a weapon is an inalienable right, but carrying them in a concealed manner could get a person carrying them killed if they are in the 'wrong' situation. Such laws exist for our protection, not for the protection of law enforcement, and are therefore less burdensome to our freedoms. 16% chose C.

D) I don't think we should have weapons at all. The saying "Guns don't kill people, people do" is wrong. People kill people using guns. I think that they should be outlawed entirely. If they are, we will see the crime rate drop. 16% chose D.

E) None of these answers match my opinion. 9% chose E.

Source: Parapoll.

Political Sermons of the American Founding Era

Ed.: The following excerpts are from sermons of Eighteenth century ministers, men who preached liberty. One might ask, where are such preachers today?

...Having been initiated in youth in the doctrines of civil liberty, as they were taught by such men as Plato, Demosthenes, Cicero and other renowned persons among the ancients; and such as Sidney and Milton, Locke and Hoadley, among the moderns; I liked them; they seemed rational. Having earlier still learnt from the holy scriptures, that wise, brave and virtuous men were always friends to liberty; that God gave the Israelites a king in his anger, because they had not sense and virtue enough to like a free commonwealth...this made me conclude, that freedom was a great blessing... —Jonathan Mayhew, The Snare Broken; a Thanksgiving Discourse, May 23, 1766

[A]n arbitrary despotic power in a prince, is the ruin of a nation, of the king, of the crown, and of the subjects; therefore it is to be feared, abhorred, detested and destroyed, because the happiness of the king, and the prosperity of the people are hereby, not only in danger, but upon the brink of destruction...That when the rights and liberties of the people are destroyed, it is commonly by the mischievous design of some great man... -John Allen, An Oration Upon the Beauties of Liberty, 1772

...From the whole of this evangelical account it appears, that our Lord allows his followers the use of the sword; and that he only blames it when it is precipitate, and likely to answer no other end than that of throwing the triumphant friends of vice into a greater rage...[R]eason dictates, that, so long as the wicked shall use the sword in support of vice, the righteous, who are in power, must use in defense of virtue... – John Fletcher, The Bible and the Sword, 1776

...Another way wherein God restrains the wrath of man, is, by rousing those who suffer, or are likely to suffer by it, to stand in their own defense; and inspiring them with courage and resolution, to oppose and resist, to the utmost, all the mischievous efforts of the ambition, wrath and anger of those proud aspiring mortals, who would, if possible, rob them of their natural rights, and plunge them into a state of servility...Sometimes indeed God is pleased to interpose in an extraordinary way...but most commonly, it is by the right use of those means of preservation and safety which he has put into

their power...There is nothing more irrational than to neglect such means, and depend upon miraculous protections...We are not to suppose, that either reason or religion requires that total suppression of the passions. It is both rational, and a duty, to stir them up into exercise, when suitable objects are presented to view...It is the excess of them that is criminal...[P]atriotism without feeling or sensibility, is a name...The goodness of our cause does not make success certain. A good cause often suffers, and is sometimes lost, by means of the sin and folly of those, who are engaged in it. This is a consideration which ought to lie with weight on our minds...When Solomon says, righteousness exalteth a nation, he asserts no more, than what the experience of all ages has found to be true. For righteousness not only procures the smiles of a propitious Providence upon a people; but also tends, in the natural course of things, to promote their prosperity... They who would be glad to live peaceably with all men, are often unhappily forced into contention, and obliged to take arms, and engage in hazardous contests, in order to defend their lives and liberties, against the evil designs of unreasonable men, who when they suppose they have power and strength to accomplish their purposes, scruple not to give unbounded scope to their pride, covetousness and ambition; which passions are mortal enemies to the rights of mankind, and the source of that slavery and cruel bondage, under which so many of the nations of the earth groan at this day. A consideration of the pernicious influence and effects of these corrupt lusts and passions should engage you and should engage us all to mortify them in ourselves... -Henry Cummings, A Sermon Preached at Lexington on the 19th of April, 1781 Janniversary of the beginning of the Revolution

[T]yrants, or magistrates turning tyrants, are not God's ordinances; and there is no hazard of damnation for refusing to obey their unjust commands...[I]t is right and lawful, to all intents and purposes, to rebel against tyrants, as all are who offer or attempt to govern contrary to the laws of the land; for where law ceases, tyranny begins...[M]any do not make the proper distinction between a lawful rebellion against tyrants, and an unlawful one against lawful allow passive authority...I do subjection...Defense is no act of jurisdiction, but a privilege of nature...[T]he tyrant cannot be .. for those tyrannical acts that forces people to resistance...for it is always supposed that the judge is absent when he is the party that does the wrong...I condemn all rising to revenge private injuries...I also abhor all revengeful usurping of the magistrates' swords, to avenge ourselves for personal injuries ... - Stephen Case, Defensive Arms Vindicated, 1783

...Do you practice virtue yourselves, and study to promote it in others? Do you always give your vote on the side of public liberty, and are you ready to pour out your blood in its defense? Do you look up to God for the continuance of his favor to your country, and pray for its prosperity? If this is your temper and conduct, you are a blessing to your country.

-Richard Price, a vehement supporter of American independence; sermon preached in London Nov. 4, 1789

...Let me beseech all the people to remember, that their safety and happiness in society depends upon the election of good and wise representatives...Tvrants, in time past, secured their domination by darkening the minds of their subjects...Be assured, my dear countrymen, knowledge is absolutely necessary to secure the blessings of freedom...but if you sleep, the enemies of liberty will awake: sleep, and by your death-like slumbers you will have given them life: for liberty has never yet appeared upon the face of the earth without meeting enemies to contend with... -Israel Evans, election sermon preached in Concord in 1791 before the General Court of the state of New Hampshire

...Our only method is to resist force with force, to repress the violence which we do not provoke, and to let men know that we will defend with our lives the liberty and the happiness which God has given us...We know that there are men, and many men, who...care not whom they wound or destroy, if they can enrich and aggrandize themselves...Can any man...suppose that the Gospel prohibits us to resist such violence?...Men ought to guard their rights: they ought to resist arbitrary power of every kind;...but no people can be safe, no nation can be happy where 'every man does what is right in his own eyes,' and the people are driven about by the whirlwind of their passions...A consciousness of being freemen, of being protected in the enjoyment of life and property, by laws which know not the rich from the poor, or the great from the small; this consciousness will give men elevation of sentiment; it will inspire them with fortitude and perseverance, and make them superior to all the slaves and sycophants upon earth...[W]e ought to pay a strict attention to the state of our militia, and any other means of defense...The militia are the natural defenders of this country. They have a stake in it. They have a share in its sovereignty; and they fight for their wives, their children, their liberty, and their all. Such men

cannot be cowards; they must be brave and determined; and when any of these blessings are taken from them, or threatened to be done away, they will be 'like a bear robbed of her whelps,' and will determine to conquer or die...You are descendants of men, who sacrificed every thing to assert their liberty... —Peter Thacher, sermon preached before The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, June 3, 1793

--Political Sermons of the American Founding Era, Ellis Sandoz, ed. (Liberty Fund, 1991, 1500p., \$12) To order call 317/842-0880

BEEF JERKY RECIPE

Here's a recipe that may be useful to any survivalists out there.

3 lb. venison or lean beef/roast

l cup water

half cup soy sauce

half cup Worcestershire sauce

- 2 tbl spoons of Accent or meat tenderizer
- 2 teaspoons of meat seasoned salt
- 2 teaspoons of onion powder
- 1 teaspoon of garlic powder
- 1 tbl spoon of black pepper corns

(You can add other seasonings or flavoring that you might want, e.g., hickory.)

Slice meat into strips no thicker than 3/8 inch to ensure total saturation of meat while marinating.

In a container, combine ingredients. Stir mixture until all of the spices have dissolved. Place meat in marinade. Be sure the strips are completely covered. Marinade over night, turning if necessary. (I usually let mine sit in the fridge for 2-3 days, turning every night).

When you are ready to start drying the meat, lay the strips on a oven rack with a drip pan under it to catch any falling fat/juices. Cook 6-12 hours (depending on the texture that you want. 6 hours will be eatable, the drier you make it the harder and longer it will keep in an air tight container) at 150 degrees or "warm" if your oven doesn't have a temp that low.

I sometimes use my stack smoker. I start the fire with charcoal and after the coals are ashy I add chipped hickory to it. I let them stay on the fire for at least 6-10 hours. This is a good way to learn how to do it naturally (in the wild). The flavor is rather strong and the meat is more rubbery.

As for storage, with any meat you always risk bad things happening to your digestive tract if you do not take proper preparation. I would not try storing homemade jerky longer than one year, unless you have a vacuum packer/sealer. Anything past that is iffy.

-- Ted Darby

THE CIVIL WAR

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The above is the title of a double CD on the Mercury label (#432591-2). What makes it unique is that the Eastman Wind Ensemble uses the original sheet music and the *original instruments* to recreate music of the Civil War.

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SO MUCH FOR A FLU SHOT

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-- C.B. from the Internet

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The New Jersey Militia received the following letter dated January, 1998:

My name is Robin Marie Head. I am a <u>TEXAS MADAM</u>. I have been sentenced to 10 years in prison under the guise of 'Organized Crime.' I was the proprietor of an <u>ESCORT SERVICE</u> in Houston and Austin, Texas. There are thousands of these businesses across the U.S. listed in the yellow pages. I, myself, have befallen solely because I refused to work for the BATF namely (or the DEA, FBI). These agents, our U.S. government, were interested in our exclusive clientele, to wit 'selective' "State and political officials" of which I do maintain a taped conversation of an agent expressing this explicitly in his distinct voice. This discreet information would be invaluable if wanting to gain influence and power over those who fraternize our services (i.e., election fraud, judicial and legislative control, a silent coup even, etc.) This is the same strategy that empowered J. Edgar Hoover to wield great authority in Washington, D.C. What was the more recent 'FILEGATE' in '96 about and whatever became of that investigation!

Thank you for your time. THIS IS NOT MY GUILT! P.O.W.

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Escort Services, what happened to Ms. Head was not meant to be!

At the time our Constitution was ratified there were only four federal crimes-counterfeiting, piracy, treason and offenses against the laws of nations.

Today there are thousands of federal laws that can be twisted to ensnare anyone, and nearly 60,000 armed federal police roaming the states at will.

Anyone being harassed by federal police may contact the New Jersey Militia. We will do our best to help the victim by peaceable and lawful means.